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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ITEMS 7 AND 11, DRAFT

RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES

1. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS PASSED TO USDEL BY NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION WITH REQUEST FOR OUR SUPPORT. NEW ZEALAND'S MAIN INTEREST IS IN INCREASING OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO TONGA, WHICH IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFICULTY QUALIFYING AS A LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY. THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN DRAWN UP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, WHOSE CHAIRMAN SUPPORTS IT (ACCORDING TO NEW ZEALAND). NEW ZEALAND ANTICIPATED WE MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE REFERENCE TO ANGOLA BUT FELT THAT THE INNOCUOUS TONE OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WOULD NEGATE ANY OF OUR RESERVATIONS.

BEGIN TEXT OF RESOLUTION:

"ITEM 7: ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

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ITEM 11: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
CO-OPERATION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING  
E/1978/46

THE ECOSOC

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 31/187, 31/188, 32/93, 32/94, 32/100 AND 32/101, WHICH TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES AND UPHEAVALS EXPERIENCED BY SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, ANGOLA, DJIBOUTI, TONGA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND SEYCHELLES, INTER ALIA REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION OF THESE COUNTRIES IN THE LIST OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

HAVING EXAMINED THE RELEVANT CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AS CONTAINED IN ITS REPORT ON THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

NOTING THE COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSION THAT, ON THE BASIS USED IN THE 1975 GENERAL REVIEW, THE SIX COUNTRIES DID NOT SATISFY THE EXISTING CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES APPLYING DURING THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE

HAVING REGARD TO THE COMMITTEE'S OPINION THAT THE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES AND UPHEAVALS FACED BY THESE COUNTRIES REQUIRE SPECIAL MEASURES OF ASSISTANCE IN THEIR FAVOUR

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1. URGES MEMBER STATES TO TAKE THIS VIEW INTO ACCOUNT IN FORMULATING THEIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES TOWARDS SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, ANGOLA, DJIBOUTI, TONGA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND SEYCHELLES."

END TEXT

2. COUNTRIES CO-SPONSORING THE RESOLUTION WERE PORTUGAL, NIGERIA, UGANDA, AND BRAZIL. THE PORTUGUESE WILL SUPPORT IT AS LONG AS THE RESOLUTION IS NOT "TOUGHENED UP" AND THE AFRICAN CO-SPONSORS HAVE SHOWN NO INDICATION OF WANTING A TOUGHER RESOLUTION. SWEDEN AND FINLAND HAVE PROMISED TO SUPPORT IT BUT WILL NOT CO-SPONSOR.

3. DRAFT MAY BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED MONDAY. USDEL PLANS TO JOIN CONSENSUS ON RESOLUTION (BUT NOT CO-SPONSOR) UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

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